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5. Vieira White also commented on the UTC convention which took place at the same time as the CTC convention, saying that the conclusions of the UTC congress would be very well received by most of the labor unions. He further noted that the Conservative press, especially El Siglo, covered the UTC convention very well, whereas the Liberal press took little notice of the CTC congress. Vieira White believed that the workers were bound to note the Liberal press' indifference to the labor movement and take it as an indication that the Liberal Party does not appreciate the political strength of the working class.
6. The Secretary General concluded by saying that the PCC should concentrate on strengthening the Independent CTC and persuade the workers that both the CTC and the UTC defend the interests of the moneyed classes instead of the workers. He said that labor offers a large field for Communist agitation now that the two strongest labor federations have shown by the nature of their congresses that they represent the right rather than the left.

25X1A [REDACTED] Source reported that Gilberto Vieira White and Carlos Aleman, a Communist sympathizer, spoke at Marulanda's funeral. (Aleman has avowedly withdrawn from the PCC, but is believed to have taken this action to avoid losing his position with the National Railways.) The Communists believed that attempted agitation at the funeral was caused by imperialist agents, since the Communists had been ordered to maintain strict decorum.

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